

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An image ~~recording~~printing device connected to ~~a plurality of~~ image supplying devices by a network, the image ~~recording~~printing device comprising:
 - a receiving component which stores the image simultaneously and independently when receiving ~~simultaneously~~ a plurality of the image information simultaneously from the image supplying devices; and
 - an image ~~recording~~printing component which ~~records~~prints an image onto a medium based on image information.
2. (currently amended): The image ~~recording~~printing device of claim 1 further comprising:
 - an image ~~recording~~printing instructing component which instructs the image ~~recording~~printing component to ~~record~~print an image, based on the image information, in the order that the receiving component completed the storage of the plurality of image information when the image information has been received simultaneously from the image supplying devices.
3. (currently amended): The image ~~recording~~printing device of claim 2 further comprising:

an image ~~recording~~printing initiate instructing component which instructs the image ~~recording~~printing component to ~~record~~print an image, based on the corresponding image information, when a ratio of an amount of the corresponding image information stored in the receiving component to a total amount of ~~stored~~the corresponding image information exceeds a predetermined threshold.

4. (currently amended): The image ~~recording~~printing device of claim 2 further comprising:

an image ~~recording~~printing initiate instructing component which instructs the image ~~recording~~printing component to ~~record~~print an image, based on the corresponding image information, when a ratio of an amount of the corresponding image information to be received by the receiving component to the total amount of the corresponding image information is no more than a predetermined threshold.

5. (currently amended): The image ~~recording~~printing device of claim 2 further comprising:

a related information adding component which adds additional information to related image information when the plurality of received image information relates to each other;

a related imaging designating component which instructs the image ~~recording~~printing component to ~~record~~print an image by using consecutively the related image information to which the additional information has been added; and

a designating/selecting component which selects one of the image ~~recording~~printing instructing component and the related image processing instructing component.

6. (currently amended): The image ~~recording~~printing device of claim 2 further comprising:
a related information adding component which adds additional information to related image information when the plurality of received image information relates to each other; and
a related image processing instructing component which instructs the image ~~recording~~printing component to ~~reecord~~print an image by using consecutively the related image information to which the additional information has been added; and
the image information supplying device, which comprises a designating/selecting component which selects one of the image ~~recording~~printing instructing component and the related image processing instructing component.

7. (currently amended): The image recording device of claim 1, wherein the receiving component receives the plurality of image information by time sharing.

8. (currently amended): An image ~~recording~~printing system comprising:
a plurality of image supplying devices; and
an image ~~recording~~printing device connected to the plurality of image supplying devices via a network, the image ~~recording~~printing device including:
an image ~~recording~~printing component which ~~reecords~~prints an image based on image information;

a receiving component which stores the image information simultaneously and independently when receiving simultaneously the image information from the plurality of image supplying devices;

a selecting component which selects the image information which has been stored by the receiving component; and

a designating component which designates the image ~~recording~~printing component to ~~reecord~~print an image based on the image information selected by the selecting component.

9. (currently amended): The image ~~recording~~printing system of claim 8 further comprising:

an image ~~recording~~printing initiate instructing component which instructs the image ~~reecording~~printing component to ~~reecord~~print an image, based on the corresponding image information, when a ratio of an amount of the corresponding image information stored in the receiving component to a total amount of the corresponding image information exceeds a predetermined threshold.

10. (currently amended): The image recording system of claim 8 further comprising:

an image ~~recording~~printing initiate instructing component which instructs the image ~~reecording~~printing component to ~~reecord~~print an image, based on the corresponding image information, when a ratio of an amount of the corresponding image information to be received by the receiving component to the total amount of the corresponding image information is no more than a predetermined threshold.

11. (currently amended): The image ~~recording~~printing system of claim 8, the image ~~recording~~printing device further comprising:

a related information adding component which adds additional information to related image information when the received image information relates to each other;

a related imaging designating component which instructs the image ~~recording~~printing component to ~~record~~print an image by using consecutively the related image information to which the additional information has been added; and

a designating/selecting component which selects one of the designating component and the related imaging designating component.

12. (currently amended): The image ~~recording~~printing system of claim 8, the image ~~recording~~printing device further comprising:

a related information adding component for adding additional information to the related image information when the image information received relates to each other; and

a related image processing instructing component for instructing the image ~~recording~~printing component to ~~record~~print an image by using consecutively the related image information to which the additional information has been added; and

the image information supplying device which comprises a designating/selecting component which selects one of the designating component and the related image processing instructing component.

13. (currently amended): The image ~~recording~~printing system of claim 8, wherein the receiving component receives the plurality of the image information by time sharing.

14. (currently amended): The image ~~recording~~printing system of claim 8, the image information supplying device comprising:

a generating component which converts the image information to be sent into image information appropriate for ~~recording~~printing by the image recording component.

15. (currently amended): An image ~~recording~~printing method for ~~recording~~printing an image with an image system, which image system includes a plurality of image information supplying devices and an image ~~recording~~printing device that are connected by a network, the method comprising the steps of:

storing the image information independently when a plurality of the image information is simultaneously sent from the image information supplying devices to the image

~~recording~~printing device;

selecting the image information for which storage has been completed;

instructing the ~~recording~~printing of an image based on the selected image information;

and

~~recording~~printing the instructed image.

16. (currently amended): The image ~~recording~~printing method of claim 15 further comprising the step of:

giving instructions to ~~record~~print an image, based on the corresponding image information, when a ratio of an amount of the stored corresponding image information to a total amount of the corresponding image information exceeds a predetermined threshold.

17. (currently amended): The image ~~recording~~printing method of claim 15 further comprising the step of:

giving instructions to ~~record~~print an image, based on the corresponding image information, when a ratio of an amount of the corresponding image information to be sent to the total amount of the corresponding image information is no more than a predetermined threshold.

18. (currently amended): The image ~~recording~~printing method of claim 15, wherein the storing step receives the plurality of the image information by time sharing.

19. (currently amended): An image ~~recording~~printing method for ~~recording~~printing an image with an image system, which image system includes a plurality of image information supplying devices and an image ~~recording~~printing device, which are connected by a network, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) storing the image information independently when the plurality of image information is simultaneously sent from the image information supplying devices to the image ~~recording~~printing device;

(b) adding additional information to related image information when the received image information relates to each other;

(c) giving instructions to ~~record~~print an image by using consecutively the related image information to which the additional information has been added; and

(d) ~~recording~~printing the instructed image.

20. (currently amended): The image ~~recording~~printing method of claim 19 further comprising the steps of:

(e) giving instructions to ~~record~~print an image by using the image information in the order that the storage of the image information in the step (a) was completed; and

(f) selecting which of the step (c) and the step (e) the instructed ~~recording~~printing will be performed.